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REMARKS

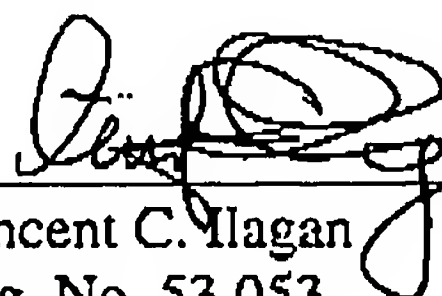
The allowance of claims 2-4, 6, and 21 is noted and appreciated. Also, to expedite this case to issuance as it has been pending for over two years, the allowable subject matter of claim 10 has been rewritten as new independent claim 23 with claims 7 and 10 being cancelled.

Claims 13-16, 18, 20, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. With regard to independent claim 22, the Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion and have amended claim 22 to provide sufficient antecedent basis to overcome this rejection.

Claims 7, 8, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the Schondorf reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,640,174) in view of the DeLine reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,222,460). However, with this Amendment as explained above, the allowable subject matter of claims 7 and 10 have been incorporated into new claim 23, with claims 8 and 11 amended to depend therefrom.

In view of the foregoing, all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13-16, 18, and 20-23, are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art. Accordingly, allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issuance are respectfully solicited.

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